

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Application of California Water Service Company (U 60 W) for an Order Authorizing it to Increase Rates for Water Service in its South San Francisco District.

Application 03-10-017  
(Filed October 1, 2003)

Application of California Water Service Company (U 60 W) for an Order Authorizing it to Increase Rates for Water Service in its Stockton District.

Application 03-10-018  
(Filed October 1, 2003)

Application of California Water Service Company (U 60 W) for an Order Authorizing it to Increase Rates for Water Service in its Mid-Peninsula District.

Application 03-10-019  
(Filed October 1, 2003)

Application of California Water Service Company (U 60 W) for an Order Authorizing it to Increase Rates for Water Service in its Salinas District.

Application 03-10-020  
(Filed October 1, 2003)

Application of California Water Service Company (U 60 W) for an Order Authorizing it to Increase Rates for Water Service in its Bakersfield District.

Application 03-10-021  
(Filed October 1, 2003)

Application of California Water Service Company (U 60 W) for an Order Authorizing it to Increase Rates for Water Service in its Salinas District (excluding the service areas of the County Meadows Mutual Water System and the Indian Springs Mutual Water System).

Application 03-10-031  
(Filed October 1, 2003)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING  
GRANTING STAY OF NOTICE REQUIREMENT**

California Water Service Company (CWS) has filed a motion to stay its compliance with Rule 24 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure, for Applications (A.) 03-10-018 (Stockton District), A.03-10-020 (Salinas District), and A.03-10-031(Salinas District) (Motion of November 12, 2003). By way of errata, CWS indicates that the motion also includes a request for a stay of compliance for Application 03-10-019 (Mid-Peninsula District).

CWS indicates that it has reached an agreement with the Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA) that will result in the dismissal of these four applications. CWS states that notice to customers pursuant to Rule 24 is not necessary for these four districts and will result in customer confusion. ORA has indicated that it does not oppose the motion. Good cause exists for the motion to be granted as an extension of time under Rule 48.

**IT IS RULED** that:

1. The motion of California Water Service Company is granted.
2. The company's obligation under Rule 24 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure, to notify customers of rate increase applications is stayed, pending further order, for Applications (A.) 03-10-018 (Stockton District), A.03-10-020 (Salinas District), A.03-10-031(Salinas District), and A.03-10-019 (Mid-Peninsula District).

3. For the remaining applications filed on October 1, 2003, the requirements of the Administrative Law Judge Ruling of November 12, 2003, concerning the prehearing conference, remain in effect.

Dated November 17, 2003, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ JOHN E. THORSON

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John E. Thorson  
Administrative Law Judge

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Granting Stay of Notice Requirement on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated November 17, 2003, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ ELIZABETH LEWIS  
Elizabeth Lewis

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